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Kids vs. Global Warming
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Re: Petition for the Promulgation of a Regulation to Regulate Carbon Dioxide Emissions

Dear Mr. Fisher, Mr. Loorz and Ms. Loorz:

On May 4, 2011 the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received your petition requesting the adoption of regulations to limit fossil fuel related carbon dioxide emissions in Connecticut. Connecticut is dedicated to both the protection of children and taking significant steps towards addressing our contribution towards global climate change.

I believe your considerable efforts throughout the country go a long way in calling attention to a serious problem. Sadly, a national response to this critical problem is not forthcoming from our leaders in Washington, D.C. Regardless, Connecticut will continue to pursue policies that embrace the environmental and economic benefits that will flow from a new clean energy economy, and will continue taking a leadership role in coordinated regional efforts such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

DEP takes seriously the potential threats climate change poses to all citizens of Connecticut, and is especially concerned about our most vulnerable citizens – children and the elderly. We are one of only a handful of states that have a comprehensive statutory framework designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, Public Act 08-98, *An Act Concerning Global Warming Solutions*. In addition to setting mandatory GHG emission reduction targets for 2020 and 2050, the Global Warming Solutions Act also requires that Connecticut take steps to identify the likely impacts of climate change and design appropriate adaptation strategies.

I generally support your efforts because they bring much needed attention to the challenges we face in attempting to address climate change in the absence of a comprehensive federal program. However, your petition is not the appropriate vehicle for Connecticut, because we are already diligently working to mitigate our state's contribution to GHG emissions under the Global Warming Solutions Act.

Thank you again for all your hard work on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Farrell at (860) 424-3389.

Yours truly,


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